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Remarks

The Office Action of November 15, 2005 has been carefully considered. The Advisory Action dated March 3, 2006, has also been considered. Claims 2-8 and 10-16 remain in the application for consideration. Claims 1 and 9 have been cancelled. Claims 2-8 and 10-15 have been amended. Particularly, claims 2, 5, 11 and 15 have been rewritten into independent form. As indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, claims 2, 5, 11 and 15 include allowable subject matter, but were objected to for depending from rejected claims. In light of the amendments to claims 2, 5, 11 and 15 (all of which move this application toward allowance), Applicant believes that these objections have been overcome and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4 and 8 as being anticipated by Sawyer (U.S. Patent No. 1,531,983). The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14 as being anticipated by either Piper (U.S. Patent No. 2,698,915) or Adie (U.S. Patent No. 3,043,730). However, in light of the amendments to claims 2-8 and 10-15 and the cancellation of claims 1 and 9, Applicant believes these rejections have been overcome, and, as such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

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